LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS/Final Passage

SUBJECT: Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000 . . . H.R. 1905. Final passage, as amended.

ACTION: BILL PASSED, 95-4

SYNOPSIS: As passed, H.R. 1905, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, will provide \$1.68 billion in new budget authority (exclusive of House items; the House approved \$740 million for its operations), which is \$114 million less than provided last year and \$104.5 million less than requested. Appropriations will be as follows:

- \$489.4 million for Senate operations, including \$245.7 million for the salaries of Senators' staffs and office expense accounts (this amount is sufficient, at each Senator's discretion, to finance a 3-percent cost-of-living (COLA) pay adjustment);
 - \$103.1 million for joint items;
 - \$162.9 million for the Architect of the Capitol, excluding library building and grounds;
 - \$17.3 million for the Architect of the Capitol, library building and grounds;
 - \$71.2 million for the Congressional Research Service (CRS);
 - \$308.4 million for the Library of Congress (excluding CRS);
 - \$382.3 million for the General Accounting Office;
 - \$77.7 million for the Government Printing Office's (GPO's) congressional operations;
 - \$35.0 million for other GPO operations;
 - \$26.2 million for the Congressional Budget Office (CBO);
 - \$3.4 million for the Botanical Gardens; and
 - \$2.0 million for the Office of Compliance.

Other provisions:

- the appointment of a Deputy Legislative Counsel will be authorized;
- the Trade Deficit review Commission will be funded for its duration; and

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• lengthier and tighter restrictions will be placed on lobbying by former Members of Congress and former high-level congressional staff.

NOTE: Immediately prior to final passage, the Senate struck all after the enacting clause and inserted in lieu thereof the text of S. 1206, as amended.

Those favoring final passage contended:

We strongly favor passage of this appropriations bill. There are no controversial provisions or amendments, and important spending cuts have been proposed. We believe it follows the bipartisan priorities of most Senators.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to final passage.